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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

REF: CARACAS 5610

1. OWENS-ILLINOIS OFFICIAL INFORMED DEPT OFFICIAL MAY 17 THAT O-I BELIEVES THAT WITH THE TIME WHICH HAS NOW PASSED, THE MANY CONTACTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED, AND THE MOVEMENT OF INTERMEDIARIES, THE GOV MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY SOME OF THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING. THERE APPEARS TO BE A POSSIBILITY THAT AS THE CONTACTS CONTINUE, THE GOV WILL LEARN WHERE NIEHOUS IS BEING HELD AND BE TEMPTED TO RESCUE HIM BY FORCE, HOPING AT THE SAME TIME TO ARREST OR KILL SOME OR ALL OF HIS ABDUCTORS.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE GOV CONTINUES TO BE FULLY COGNIZANT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR NIEHOUS' SAFETY. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED GOV ASSURANCES ON THIS SCORE, REQUEST THAT IT TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND IT OF THIS
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RESPONSIBILITY. USG SHARES GOV'S INTEREST IN APPREHENSION

AND PUNISHMENT OF NIEHOUS' ABDUCTORS, BUT THIS OBJECTIVE
IS OF COURSE SECONDARY TO NIEHOUS' SAFE RELEASE. ROBINSON

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